

## WEST DEMANDS ROOSEVELT, SAYS GOV. JOHNSON

California's Chief Executive  
Declares Taft's Nomina-  
tion Means Defeat.

### PARTY WRECKED IN PAST THREE YEARS

Western Progressive Asserts Col-  
onel Would Win 5 to 1 With  
Honest Primary Ballot.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Characteriz-  
ing Col. Theodore Roosevelt as "the  
greatest teacher our country ever  
had," the "exponent of equal oppor-  
tunity for all and the champion of  
popular rule," and saying "in every  
hamlet or city of the country he is  
preferred by 5 to 1 over his principal  
opponent," Gov. Hiram W. Johnson,  
of California, today declared for  
Roosevelt's nomination as the Re-  
publican Presidential candidate.

#### Assails Administration.

The governor assailed the Adminis-  
tration of President Taft, which, he said,  
had "transferred the Republican party  
from the high tide of success to its ebb,  
with confidence in it sadly shaken," and  
declared that "to continue with the  
leader whose three years have wrought  
such disaster can mean only political  
suicide."

In explaining his desertion of Senator  
La Follette's candidacy, the California  
executive pays high tribute to the Wis-  
consin statesman, but declares "in  
California, with the cause ever the de-  
termining factor, it is obvious that pro-  
gressive policies can be best accom-  
plished at present through the leader-  
ship of Theodore Roosevelt."

In his statement the Californian  
places his approval on the Colonel's  
candidacy, and this is interpreted as be-  
ing an "O. K." for Roosevelt's Colum-  
bian (Ohio) speech also. Johnson de-  
clined his stay in the East several weeks  
in order to urge upon Colonel Roosevelt  
the necessity of the latter taking an  
ultra-progressive stand, if the support  
of the Western radicals was to be se-  
cured to him.

As a result of Johnson's influence, it  
is said that the Columbus speech will  
be much more radical than originally  
planned. One of the points  
on which Johnson made a special fight  
was in endorsement of the recall of the  
judiciary.

#### Johnson's Statement.

Governor Johnson's statement follows:  
"California is progressive, pledged by  
overwhelming majorities to certain de-  
finite governmental policies and prin-  
ciples, the fundamental underlying one  
of which is that this Government be-  
longs to the people, and that the people  
shall rule. More concerned are we in  
the successful consummation of these  
policies than in the success or election  
of men. The present national political  
struggle typifies in some respects that  
from which we in California have re-  
cently victoriously emerged.  
"The Republicans of the United States  
ask the selection of a certain man as a  
candidate for President; the politicians,  
with their usual contempt of the elec-  
torate, seek to relieve the country and  
those to whom it belongs of the burden  
of the selection of a Presidential candi-  
date, and without the consent of the  
people, and in defiance of the wishes,  
through manipulation of Southern dele-  
gates composed of Federal officeholders  
and political machines in Northern  
States, are endeavoring to nominate  
the present President as that candi-  
date."

#### California Situation.

"In California, and I speak of course  
of only the group of progressives with  
whom I am familiar, we gave  
evidence of our faith in December last  
by announcing a Presidential preference  
primary law. The State organization  
was in our hands; the power was ours  
under the law to send a delegation to  
Chicago of our own choosing, but fol-  
lowing that definite policy from which  
there has been no departure since the  
old machine was there overthrown, we  
have put up to our State the question  
of its preference for candidates, and  
have weighed and weighed the advantage  
and power which came to us legiti-  
mately by victory in the last primary.  
"Our people, therefore, all will decide  
at the polls by direct primary, how Cal-  
ifornia's vote shall be cast in the na-  
tional convention. And it is just this  
sort of thing, the yielding of power  
and advantage to the determination of  
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#### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-  
night, with lowest temperature above  
the freezing point. Tuesday unsettled,  
with probably rain by afternoon or  
night.

TEMPERATURES.	
U. S. BUREAU.	APFLECK'S.
8 a. m. .... 35	8 a. m. .... 35
9 a. m. .... 36	9 a. m. .... 36
10 a. m. .... 37	10 a. m. .... 37
11 a. m. .... 38	11 a. m. .... 38
12 noon .... 39	12 noon .... 39
1 p. m. .... 40	1 p. m. .... 40
2 p. m. .... 41	2 p. m. .... 41

TIDE TABLE.	
Today—High tide, 8:51 a. m. and 9:19 p. m.	Low tide, 3:04 a. m. and 3:39 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:30 a. m. and 9:50 p. m.	Low tide, 3:39 a. m. and 3:56 p. m.

SUN TABLE.	
Rises—6:47	Sets—5:52

## In Colombian Row



Upper Picture, Senator General Pedro  
Nel Ospina, Minister of Colombia,  
Who Warned Secretary Knox In Let-  
ter, and Congressman Henry T. Rainey  
of Illinois, Who Demands Settlement  
of Colombian Claim.

## KNOX WILL MAKE PERSONAL REPLY TO OSPINA NOTE

### United States Likely to De- mand Recall of Colum- bian Minister.

It was announced at the Department  
of State today that Secretary Knox  
would himself reply to the letter of  
Minister Pedro Nel Ospina before sail-  
ing for Havana.

This statement will indicate whether  
or not Mr. Knox will feel free to go to  
Colombia now that the Colombian min-  
ister has let it be known that the  
American party will receive a welcome  
in that country.

The impression at the department is  
that the Secretary will go to Colombia  
unless the Colombian government de-  
clares that its minister in Wash-  
ington was acting upon authority he  
made public the letter last night.

Should the Colombians repudiate  
the letter and recall the minister,  
the Secretary will undoubtedly go to  
Bogota. His visit to these Latin  
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## NOTORIETY PIQUES LIEUTENANT BLOOM

Officer Again Brands Story of Al-  
tercation as Being  
False.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 19.—Lieut.  
Frank Bloom, of the Fourth Field Artil-  
lery, today denied that he was de-  
fendant in a charge of "conduct unbecom-  
ing an officer," as the result of the  
exchange of blows with a non-commis-  
sioned officer.

"The story is false from start to fin-  
ish," said Lieutenant Bloom. "I am in  
no trouble at Fort Russell and the inci-  
dent you speak of never happened. I  
have had all the newspaper notoriety  
that I want and I am piqued every time  
I see the name of Bloom in print. All I  
want is a square deal."

## PITNEY NAMED BY TAFT FOR SUPREME BENCH

New Jersey Chancellor Will  
Fill the Harlan  
Vacancy.

### HAS FINE RECORD AS STATE JURIST

President Is Assured That His  
Nomination Will Be  
Confirmed.

President Taft today nominated  
Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of the  
State of New Jersey, to fill the vacan-  
cy on the Supreme Court caused by  
the death of Justice Harlan.

For weeks the President has con-  
sidered this appointment, and during  
that time has had before him the  
names of more than 100 eminent  
lawyers. One by one, however, he  
eliminated them, until Saturday he  
had under consideration only three  
names. They were Judge Hook, of  
Kansas; Secretary Nagel, and Chan-  
cellor Pitney.

After a conference yesterday with  
former Gov. Franklin Murphy, the  
President decided to nominate Mr.  
Pitney, an dthis morning announced  
that the nomination would be made  
before the end of the day.

#### Stands High as Jurist.

The New Jersey jurist is regarded by  
the Eastern bar as one of the leading  
lawyers in the country. He was at one  
time a member of the New Jersey Su-  
preme Court, but resigned to become  
chancellor. The President has known  
Judge Pitney for years and has regard-  
ed him highly both as a lawyer and as  
a man.

There has been greater activity among  
the friends of aspiring lawyers through-  
out the country in connection with ap-  
pointment than any which the President  
has had to make since he has had the  
appointing power. More names have  
been presented to him, and more  
charges and counter-charges against the  
candidates, than for any appointment  
the President has yet made in connection  
with the judiciary.

Chancellor Pitney meets the Presi-  
dent's requirements as to age. He is  
only fifty-four years of age, and has  
been in the State courts of New Jersey  
rapidly since he first went upon the  
bench. He began practicing law in 1882,  
and served as assistant justice of the  
State supreme court from 1901 to 1908.  
His term as chancellor would have ex-  
pired in 1910.

#### From Political View.

The selection of Chancellor Pitney  
for the vacancy on the Supreme Court,  
however meritorious it may be, is  
widely viewed here as having an im-  
portant political bearing. It is well  
known here that there is strong Roose-  
velt sentiment in New Jersey, and the  
selection of Pitney is expected to help  
counteract that.

Another interesting fact in connec-  
tion with his Presidential politics was  
disclosed today. Senator Briggs will give  
a dinner tonight, and at the head of  
the list of guests will be former Gov.  
Franklin Murphy. This dinner is ex-  
pected to have significance in that it  
will promote the movement to have Mr.  
Murphy put on the ticket with Presi-  
dent Taft for the Presidency. The Taft  
leaders are quietly encouraging this  
movement in order to strengthen them-  
selves in New Jersey.

#### Police Harass Mediums, Spiritualists Complain

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Because  
scoffing police refuse to take spiri-  
tualism and future reading seriously,  
and "harass" mediums who want to  
practice their "vocation," Dr. George  
B. Warner, president of the National  
Association of Spiritualists, now in  
session here, wants the laws changed.  
In his annual address today he urged  
all spiritualists to "get into politics,"  
and see that they are given the  
"same rights and other religious or-  
ganizations enjoy." The N. A. S. Re-  
solutions also asked that all State or-  
ganizations co-operate to secure a gen-  
eral law along this line in every  
State.

#### FEDERALS IN JUAREZ.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Juarez,  
after being for three weeks in the hands  
of Venustiano Carranza, is again a  
stronghold with machine guns, a Mu-  
derista mayor in charge, and federal  
troops on route. Absolute anarchy pre-  
vails in the Torreon district. Murder  
and looting are going on at all the big  
caches, and rich Mexicans and Ameri-  
cans are going to places of safety.

## GIBBONS WANTS TRANSFER FROM ANNAPOLIS POST

Superintendent Not in Ac-  
cord With Navy Head,  
Says Report.

### FRICTION ARISES FROM OVERRULINGS

Unable To Agree Over Recom-  
mendations Made By Acad-  
emy Head.

Capt. John H. Gibbons, superin-  
tendent of the United States Mili-  
tary Academy at Annapolis, has  
asked to be relieved from further  
duty at the Academy, according to a  
report current at the Navy Depart-  
ment this morning.

It is stated that Captain Gibbons  
and Secretary Meyer are not in ac-  
cord upon all questions of Naval  
Academy administration, and that in  
view of this the superintendent has  
asked to be given another command.  
He will probably be sent to sea to  
command one of the vessels of the  
Atlantic fleet.

#### Friction With Meyer.

Friction of a serious nature between  
Captain Gibbons and Secretary Meyer  
has resulted from the Secretary's dis-  
position to overrule the superintendent  
in a number of recent cases.

The most pointed case was that of  
Midshipman R. J. Valentine, who was  
strongly recommended for dismissal  
by Captain Gibbons, on the ground that  
he had violated rigid rules of the Academy.  
After the Secretary reviewed this case,  
however, he declined to follow the su-  
perintendent's recommendation, but, on  
the contrary, permitted the midshipman  
to remain at the Academy.

The case of Midshipman Thomas M.  
Luby, who was caught smoking, against  
the rules of the Academy, and recom-  
mended for dismissal, is another in  
which the Secretary was unable to agree  
with Captain Gibbons.

### Request of Gibbons Cause of Little Surprise at Academy

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—A rumor that  
Capt. John H. Gibbons, superintendent  
of the Naval Academy, has asked to be  
relieved from his duties here, received  
official confirmation through the Navy  
Department this morning. The news  
did not create any surprise among those  
here who are in touch with the Naval  
Academy, as it is known that Superin-  
tendent Gibbons has not been in entire  
accord with the department for some  
time as to matters affecting the dis-  
cipline and routine of the institution.  
No information whatever has been  
given out through Captain Gibbons as  
to the cause of his action, but there is  
little doubt that it is in connection  
with certain recent recommendations  
which have not received the approval  
of the Navy Department.

#### Two Cases Cited.

In the case of two midshipmen who  
were recently recommended for dismis-  
sal by the superintendent, the Navy  
Department refused absolutely to con-  
cur. One of these was Thomas M.  
Luby, son of a deceased naval officer  
and a member of the fourth class. The  
other was also a member of the fourth  
class, and said to be the son of a naval  
officer. It is the general belief here  
that the failure of the department to  
back him up in these disciplinary steps  
is the chief reason for Captain Gibbons  
desiring other duty.

It is rumored that the Navy Depart-  
ment had a great deal to do with a  
recent order which lowered the re-  
quired standard of scholarship for the  
first term, just past, and enabled about  
forty midshipmen, otherwise deficient,  
to remain at the Academy. It is reported  
that this action came as the result  
of what was either a suggestion or  
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## At Odds With Secretary Meyer



CAPT. JOHN H. GIBBONS,  
Superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

## JULIA MARLOWE IS OPERATED ON IN HOSPITAL HERE

Case of Throat Trouble  
Forces Actress to Seek  
Relief Here.

Miss Julia Marlowe, whose real name  
is Mrs. E. H. Sothorn, is at the Episco-  
pal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital this  
afternoon where she has just undergone  
an operation performed for some minor  
throat trouble. The operation, while a  
delicate one, is not of a dangerous na-  
ture. She will be confined to that in-  
stitution for at least two or three days.  
Dr. Charles W. Richardson, of Connecti-  
cut avenue, performed the operation. At  
the hospital this afternoon, it was an-  
nounced that Mrs. Sothorn is resting  
easily.

The trouble was one of long stand-  
ing. The freakish weather which  
visited Washington during the South-  
ern-Marlowe engagement here last  
week is said to have been responsible  
for a change for the worse. Yester-  
day afternoon it was decided that an  
operation should be performed im-  
mediately.

Mrs. Sothorn was placed under  
anesthesia shortly before 2 o'clock,  
and remained on the operating table  
for more than twenty minutes.

Her husband was unable to remain  
in Washington, but accompanied the  
Southern-Marlowe company to Lenox-  
mond, where it will appear tonight.  
Mrs. Sothorn's understudy, Miss Len-  
ora Chippendale, will appear in her  
roles until she joins the company.

### Bullet-Proof Aeroplanes Planned in France

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The armor plate  
manufacturers do not intend to be left  
in the rear if warfare is to become  
a "sky game" with the development of  
the aeroplane. The French government  
is most conducting a remarkable series  
of experiments at St. Cyr and Buz with  
a steel aeroplane which will defy as-  
saults with rifles and small caliber  
steel pieces.

While all information is refused, it is  
said that the heavy machine seems to  
be more stable than the lighter ones.

## INCREASED SALARY FOR CROSSING MEN MAY BE REFUSED

Declared Traction Compan-  
ies Will Enter Courts to  
Null Congress' Action.

No assurance has been received by the  
crossing policemen of the District that  
the Washington Railway and Electric  
Company and the Capital Traction  
Company intend paying them the in-  
crease in salary in accordance with the  
bill recently passed by Congress put-  
ting them on the same footing with the  
members of the Metropolitan force.

From a reliable source it has been  
learned that the railway companies in-  
tend to take the matter into the  
courts on the ground that Congress has  
no right to fix the salaries paid by a  
corporation to its employees, in spite of  
the fact that these employees come un-  
der the jurisdiction of the superinten-  
dent of police. Under the new law the  
men will receive the first salary in  
accordance with the increases allowed  
them on March 1.

Officials of both railway companies  
said today that there was nothing they  
could say about the matter; that, as a  
matter of fact, the subject had not  
been taken up for consideration.

It has also been suggested that if the  
matter is taken to the courts that the  
companies cannot be compelled to con-  
tribute anything toward the policemen's  
salaries. It is pointed out that the  
police are corporations, that they pay  
heavy taxes into the District treasury,  
and that, therefore, the District should  
furnish whatever police protection is  
needed. In this connection it is con-  
tended that Congress would have as  
much right to pass a law requiring the  
hotel companies, which are corporations,  
to pay the salaries of the policemen who  
do duty in front of the hostilities.

### POLICE ENFORCING VEHICLE TAG LAW

The police today began enforcing the  
law requiring all horse-drawn vehicles  
to be equipped with license tags. Six  
arrests were made early this afternoon  
of drivers who had no tags on their  
wagons. These men were allowed to  
deposit \$1 collateral for their appear-  
ance in Police Court.

Owners of some of the vehicles whose  
drivers fell into the police net im-  
mediately registered complaint with the  
department that failures to have their  
wagons properly tagged was on their  
fault. They contended that they had  
made repeated trips to the District  
building in a vain effort to purchase  
tags, but that the supply had run out,  
and that they since had received no  
notice that the license numbers were  
on hand or that the law would be en-  
forced.

The regulation requiring tags on ve-  
hicles was adopted by the Commission-  
ers last October.

## SMITH GRILLED BY PROSECUTION WHILE ON STAND

Alleged Assailant of Morris  
Bennett Firmly Maintains  
He Is Innocent.

### DECLINES TO SAY HE WAS IN CHICAGO

Charges Third Degree Methods by  
Police—Officer Faints, Caus-  
ing Excitement.

Describing the ordeal, or alleged  
"third degree" through which he  
passed after his arrest, and denying  
that he struck down Morris Bennett  
with a hatchet on the Benning road  
on November 20 last, and robbed him  
of \$150, James H. Smith, alias Ka-  
busta, the Chicago murder suspect,  
took the witness stand in Criminal  
Court No. 1 today and withstood  
grilling cross-examination.

Only occasionally resorting to "I  
don't remember," the defendant an-  
swered promptly all questions about  
his past, until Prosecutor Wilson  
asked him if he ever had been in  
Chicago.

"I'll not answer any questions  
about that," replied the witness, be-  
fore his counsel interposed an ob-  
jection.

Attorneys for the defendant an-  
nounced that they will rest their  
case this afternoon.

#### Defense Exploded.

No further questions were asked  
about Smith's supposed record in Chi-  
cago, the prosecutor being content to  
get an absolute refusal from the de-  
fendant to testify further on the sub-  
ject. Two men sitting directly behind  
the prosecutors are believed to be Chi-  
cago detectives, who later will identify  
the accused as John Kabusta.

The defendant on cross-examination  
said his name was James Henry Smith,  
and that he was born in Philadelphia  
twenty-seven years ago. He said his  
father and mother were dead. He has  
no brothers nor sisters, he stated.

One of the dramatic incidents of the  
trial today was the explosion of the  
theory of the defense, that "an intoxi-  
cated stranger," who was seen by Wil-  
liam Boswell near Bennett's wagon,  
committed the assault and robbery.  
While Boswell was being cross-ex-  
amined by Assistant Prosecutor James  
M. Proctor the latter asked if the wit-  
ness could identify the man he saw.  
Boswell said he could, and the young  
prosecutor turned to a deputy marshal  
and said:

"Call Mr. Tenley."  
A man in another court room as the  
spectators and others held their breath  
in anticipation of a surprise. Attorney  
Proctor again turned to Boswell and  
asked if "Mr. Tenley" was the man he  
saw on the morning of the assault, and  
the witness answered in the affirmative.  
The incident closed with broad smiles  
on the part of Government prosecutors.

#### Excitement Reigns.

Excitement resulted at the outset of  
the trial when without any warning  
Joseph Craemer, the deputy marshal  
guarding Smith, the defendant, sud-  
denly swooned. He writhed and groaned  
and in an instant there was great com-  
motion. Justice Anderson sternly or-  
dered everyone to remain quiet, and  
his fellow-officers carried the prostrate  
marshal from the room.

Craemer was revived within ten min-  
utes and was sent to his home, Georgia  
avenue and Park road northwest. His  
condition is not regarded as serious,  
an attack of indigestion being the at-  
tributed cause of the fainting spell.  
During the excitement Smith remained  
indifferent until almost shoved out of  
the courtroom by the deputy marshals who  
ran to Craemer's assistance. Then he calm-  
ly moved his chair and glanced only  
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### IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.  
Senate met at 2 o'clock.  
Minority report on Senator Stiphenson  
case to be made today.  
Board of Charities will be heard to-mor-  
row on hospitals by subcommittee of  
Appropriations Committee.  
Finance Committee continues hearings  
on steel bill.

#### HOUSE.

Everglades inquiry continued.  
Debate on the chemical bill was begun  
in House.

Congressmen Sulzer issues caustic  
statement regarding Panama canal  
engineers.

#### White House Callers.

SENATORS.  
Curtis, Kans. .... Warren, Wyo.  
Gamble, S. D. .... Hughes, N. J.  
Thornton, La. .... Oliver, Pa.

#### CONGRESSMEN.

Good, Iowa. .... Cooper, Wis.  
Vreeland, N. Y. .... Smith, Mich.  
Johnson, Ky. .... Burke, S. D.  
Powers, Ky. .... Langham, Pa.

#### OTHER VISITORS.

Secretary of War Stimson.  
Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston.  
Former Senator Davis, West Virginia.

Baseball Fans Will Enjoy Rice's "Bingles and Bunts" on the Sporting Page Every Day